

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TOKYO 02086 121047Z

10

ACTION OES-05

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 EUR-12 ISO-00 FEA-01 ACDA-05 CIAE-00

INR-07 IO-11 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-07 NRC-05 DODE-00

SS-15 COME-00 TRSE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 USIA-06 SP-02

SAJ-01 /095 W

----- 047497

R 120800Z FEB 76

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6835

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TOKYO 2086

PARIS FOR COCOM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ESTC

SUBJECT: MITI DENIES LESS SPECULATION ON RELAXATION OF COCOM
CONTROLS

SUMMARY: THREE ITEMS HAVE BEEN WIDELY PLAYED IN JAPAN PRESS
RECENTLY WHICH COULD GIVE RISE TO SPECULATION THAT JAPAN IS
RELAXING ITS EXPORT CONTROL RULES. MITI OFFICIALS HAVE FIRMLY
STATED; HOWEVER, THAT IN EACH CASE SUCH SPECULATION WOULD BE
"REMOTE FROM FACT."

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF QUESTIONS, DEP. DIR. YOKOE AND
MR. KAZAOKA OF MITI'S EXPORT DIV., BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL
TRADE ADMINISTRATION, FIRMLY DENIED JAN. 29 ARTICLE IN YOMIURI
DAILY WHICH CARRIED HEADLINE "COCOM REGULATIONS SUBSTANTIALLY
ABOLISHED--MITI POLICY" WITH RESPECT TO CONTEMPLATED SALE
TO USSR OF HARBOR RADAR EQUIPMENT FOR PORT OF WRANGEL.
OFFICIALS STRESSED FACT, WHICH WAS ALSO CARRIED IN PRESS
REPORT, THAT COCOM APPROVAL FOR RADAR SALE HAD BEEN
SOUGHT AND OBTAINED BY GOJ. AS TO PRESS ARTICLE'S
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TOKYO 02086 121047Z

ATTRIBUTION TO TWO MITI OFFICIALS OF COMMENTS ON COCOM,

YOKOE SAID THESE WERE "REMOTE FROM FACT" AND THAT MITI OFFICIALS HAD MADE NO SUCH COMMENT WHATEVER.

2. CONCERNING RECENT PRESS REPORTS THAT USSR HAS BEEN SEEKING TO PURCHASE ATOMIC REACTOR EQUIPMENT AND THAT A COUNCIL IS BEING FORMED TO PROMOTE JAPAN'S EXPORTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY EQUIPMENT, YOKOE STATED HIS DIVISION HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS EXCEPT FOR PRESS REPORTS. NO APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE TO MITI, HE SAID. YOKOE UNDERSTANDS FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT USSR OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN GENERATORS, PRESSURE CONTAINERS AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT. SINCE THESE ARE COCOM ITEMS, HE SAID, GOJ WOULD OF COURSE SEEK COCOM APPROVAL BEFORE AUTHORIZING FOR EXPORT; HOWEVER, QUESTION IS STILL HYPOTHETICAL IN ABSENCE OF APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE. (NOTE: SEE TOKYO 1234, 1242 AND SEPTTEL TO FOLLOW FOR DETAILS OF REACTOR NEGOTIATIONS.)

3. FOLLOWING PRESS REPORTS OF CHINESE INTEREST IN PURCHASING AMPHIBIOUS AIRCRAFT US-1 FROM JAPAN, THERE HAVE BEEN SPECULATION AND QUESTIONS IN THE DIET, WHICH HAVE FOCUSED ON ISSUE OF WHETHER US-1 IS OR IS NOT MILITARY EQUIPMENT, EXPORT OF WHICH COULD BE BANNED BY GOJ POLICY. YOKOE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT NO QUESTION OF EXPORT CONTROL POLICY HAS FORMALLY ARISEN, BECAUSE THERE IS AS YET NO FIRM REQUEST FROM CHINESE TO PURCHASE SUCH AIRCRAFT. (IN AN ASIDE, HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL DOUBTS THAT SUCH A REQUEST WOULD MATERIALIZE.) IF A REQUEST WERE FORTHCOMING FOR PURCHASE OF TEN OR MORE US-1 AIRCRAFT, YOKOE EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT MITI, WHICH TAKES THE POSITION THAT THE US-1 IS NOT QTE WEAPON UNQTE BUT MARINE RESCUE AIRCRAFT, WOULD FAVOR SALE AND FORWARD REQUEST FOR COCOM APPROVAL IN DUE COURSE.

HODGSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, POLICIES, EXPORT CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TOKYO02086
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760053-0831
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760253/aaaabups.tel
Line Count: 96
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 APR 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <01 JUL 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MITI DENIES LESS SPECULATION ON RELAXATION OF COCOM CONTROLS
TAGS: ESTC, JA, UR, CH
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006